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1. To relieve congestion of railroad traffic in Eastern Germany and Poland, the Ostrava (P 50/O 59) Traffic Bureau of the Czech Ministry of the Interior decreed that Czech river navigation on the Oder River be closed immediately to all civilian traffic (sic), and that it be used for transportation of industrial goods. This measure is to ease the strain on the line connecting Katowice-Sosnowiec and Gliwice, and Szczecin.*

2. The following Czech tugs have been dispatched to Kosle:

Name of ship	Capacity	HP
Masaryk	400 tons	500 HP
Benesch	500 tons	500 HP
Vitkovice	400 tons	500 HP
Ressel	350 tons	700 HP
Bohumin	350 tons	500 HP **

- 25X1 * Comment. In the fall of 1950 navigation on the Oder River was seriously handicapped by low water. It is, therefore, believed that supplies such as coal, which had accumulated considerably, will now be dispatched. The term "civilian traffic" is somewhat vague and probably signifies local traffic on the river which apparently was stopped to obtain more tonnage for shipping industrial material, and to avoid unnecessary congestion at locks.

- 25X1 ** Comment: The figures given for horsepower seem to be much too high in proportion to the respective tonnages.

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